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BY E-MAIL ONLY (*mader@maderblog.com*)

April 29, 2005

David Mader

Dear Mr. Mader:

Re: <http://www.maderblog.com>

We are the solicitors for Mr. Alan Riddell, who was the Conservative Party candidate in Ottawa South during last year's Canadian federal election. It has just been brought to Mr. Riddell's attention yesterday that your website contains inaccurate and defamatory statements about Alan Riddell. We understand that CanWest Interactive Inc. is the owner of the website www.maderblog.com and therefore responsible for the information posted thereon.

On your website (<http://www.maderblog.com/archives/2004/06/>), a search of our client's name disclosed the following entry:

Ottawa-South: A riding expected to be Liberal in a cakewalk all of a sudden got interesting when Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty broke an election promise and upped provincial health premiums. Liberal candidate David McGuinty became a target for voter anger and frustration. At the same time, celebrity NDP candidate Monia Mazigh, wife of suspected terrorist Maher Arar, became a very serious competitor for the seat. That combination of anger at McGuinty and vote-splitting by Mazigh gave Conservative candidate Alan Riddell the opportunity and momentum to grab a completely unexpected victory. But Riddell squandered the chance when he was caught driving with a suspended license, and then fudging his apology for the incident. Voters found themselves confronting exactly the political arrogance and presumption of infallibility which they'd come to resent in the Martin Liberals. **My prediction:** McGuinty / Liberal.

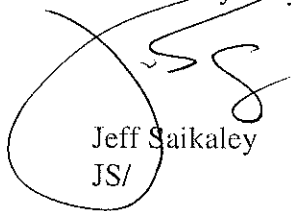
The statements underlined above, which are entirely inaccurate, amount to a very serious libel against our client and negatively impact Mr. Riddell's reputation as a law-abiding citizen in the community and on his livelihood as a lawyer.

Contrary to what is published on your website, Mr. Riddell's license was not under suspension when he drove on June 17 as he had legal authority to be driving. His fine had been paid, and his suspension already lifted, prior to his getting behind the wheel to drive, a fact which has now been officially confirmed in writing by the Ontario Ministry of Transportation. We enclose a copy of the Ministry's letter dated March 30, 2005 expressly confirming that "the suspension of the driver's licence for Mr. Riddell was rescinded and the driver's licence was reinstated as of June 17, 2004". This issue has been successfully litigated against a local newspaper and resulted in the enclosed retraction by the Ottawa Sun.

We hereby request that you immediately delete the statements underlined above concerning Mr. Riddell posted on <http://maderblog.com/archives/2004/06/> and request that you immediately submit to us a confirmation that these statements have been deleted.

Failing receipt of a written confirmation that the libelous statements have been deleted within the next two (2) business days, we will seek instructions from our client to pursue his legal remedies. This letter is notice pursuant to the *Libel and Slander Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.L.12 of our intention to bring an action for the said defamatory statements.

Yours very truly,



Jeff Saikaley
JS/

Enclosures

cc: *Mr. Alan Riddell*



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March 30, 2005

Mr. Khalid Elgazzar
1201-1545 Alta Vista Drive
Ottawa, Ont.
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RE: Mr. Alan Riddell
D/L # R4125-01566-11109

Dear Mr. Elgazzar:

This refers to your request for a confirmation letter for Mr. Alan Riddell.

Ministry records indicate that upon payment of the unpaid fine to the court, the suspension of the driver's licence for Mr. Riddell was rescinded and the driver's licence was reinstated as of June 17, 2004.

However, the driver's licence was cancelled on June 17, 2004 until the reinstatement fee was paid to the ministry on June 18, 2004.

I hope this clarifies the ministry's position in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mario Santos".

Mario Santos
Enquiry Analyst
Licensing Administration Office

Road Safety

It starts
with you

La sécurité
routière

Ca vous
concerne



Ministry of Transportation
 Ministère des Transports

Licensing and Control Branch
 Direction des permis et de l'immatriculation

East Building
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 Downsview, Ont. M3M 3E6

Notice of Reinstatement of Driver's Licence
Avis de remise en vigueur du permis de conduire

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 Temporary Driver's Licence Number / Numéro de permis de conduire temporaire
 T9937709
 Date of Expiry / Date de péremption
 RIDDELL, ALAN M
 2625 PIMLICO CR
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 K1T 2A6
 This licence must be signed and carried by the driver
 Ce permis doit être signé et porté par le conducteur
 Licensee's Signature / Signature du titulaire
 Ministry of Transportation / Ministère des Transports

Reference or Driver's Licence Number / Numéro de référence ou du permis de conduire
 R4125-01566-11109
 Sex / Sexe
 MALE/HOMME
 Date of Birth / Date de naissance
 Y/A M D/J
 1961/11/09
 Suspension Number / Numéro de suspension
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 Tests Required / Examens exigés
 Road / Pratique
 Inside / Théorique
 Driver's Lic. / Permis de conduire
 Renewal App. / Dem. de renouvellement
 Test Req'd. / Examen exigé
 Renewal App. / Dem. de renouvellement
 Serial / Numéro
 T9937709

THIS IS TO NOTIFY YOU THAT YOUR AUTHORITY TO DRIVE IS REINSTATED AS OF JUNE 17, 2004 BASED ON YOUR DRIVING RECORD IN THE MINISTRY AS OF JUNE 17, 2004 .

EN RAISON DE VOTRE DOSSIER DE CONDUITE EN DATE DU 17 JUIN 2004 , NOUS VOUS AVISONS QUE VOTRE PERMIS EST REMIS EN VIGUEUR À COMPTER DU 17 JUIN 2004 .

REINSTATEMENT FEE: DUE TO YOUR SUSPENSION(S), YOU MUST PAY A FEE OF \$100 BEFORE YOU CAN OBTAIN A LICENCE AFTER YOUR SUSPENSION(S) ENDS. PLEASE SEE THE BACK OF THIS FORM ON HOW TO PAY THE FEE.

DROITS DE REMISE EN VIGUEUR: EN RAISON DE LA OU DES SUSPENSIONS DE VOTRE PERMIS DE CONDUIRE, VOUS DEVREZ VERSER DES DROITS DE 100 \$ POUR OBTENIR UN PERMIS LORSQUE CETTE OU CES SUSPENSIONS PRENDRONT FIN. VOUS TROUVEREZ PLUS DE DÉTAILS AU VERSO SUR LES MODALITÉS DE PAIEMENT.



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\$25.2M

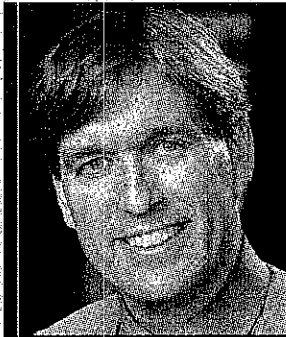
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RETRACTION Re: Alan Riddell

In an article published on June 19, 2004, we stated that Alan Riddell, the Conservative candidate in Ottawa South "drove to a meeting while his licence was suspended" for his inadvertent non-payment of a \$110 fine issued for an expired licence plate sticker. This statement was inaccurate. Mr. Riddell did not in fact drive to that meeting while his licence was suspended, although we believed differently at the time.

In that article we also stated that Mr. Riddell had been "caught in a lie" about



ALAN RIDDELL

"breaking the law." This statement was inaccurate. At no time did Mr. Riddell get caught in a lie about breaking the law. His licence had been reinstated upon payment of the aforementioned fine, prior to his driving that day, and there-

fore he did not lie about breaking the law.

In another article, published on June 24, 2004, we stated that Mr. Riddell "had failed to mention" information pertaining to his driving record. This statement was also incorrect. Prior to publishing our article, Mr. Riddell had advised us that he had disclosed the information in his initial interview with another newspaper.

We regret our suggestion that he had attempted to conceal that information and regret the resulting prejudice to his campaign.

Mail will make it: Canada Post

Strike or not, there'll be no disruption to mail delivery this holiday season, Canada Post maintains.

While some 2,600 employees have threatened to hit the picket lines as early as Dec. 8, spokesman John Caines said they include clerical and support staff across the country and would only pose disruptions within Canada Post. The workers include about 1,000 in Ottawa.

"They don't collect, process or deliver the mail so if we're not able to reach an agreement — and we're hopeful that we will — they wouldn't be involved in any mail disruption at all," said Caines.

Contract negotiations, which began in July, are expected to resume tomorrow. Wages, benefits and working conditions are at issue.

Canada Post is seeking concessions on health and

dental benefits as well as vacations. The union says concessions aren't necessary because the company has made profits in each of the past nine years.

Caines said union officials showed up to just 12 of 60 days of negotiations with a third-party conciliation officer and never responded to the global offer made by Canada Post before taking a strike vote. — Tobi Cohen

PUBLIC NOTICE

IP WILL NO LONGER COVER YOUR EYE EXAM FEES!
OHIP used to pay doctors about \$38 for a regular eye exam, now doctors can charge you up to \$100!
Your prescription is your property, ask for it and shop around!

Our new policy of paying for eye exams will not affect our competitive prices!

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